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Big Red Destroys Wolverines, Halts #4 Trinity

by Curtis Lane
Sports Editor

From the first offensive play, it was obvious that MBA would dominate the game. The Big Red ran a reverse, Scott Pettus threw a 73-yard touchdown pass to Brad French, and MBA rolled to a 29-0 victory over LaVergne High School last Friday. Michael Fisher added a 7-yard touchdown pass to Sophomore Drew Carney later in the first quarter, and Michael Koban added two touchdown runs on his way to 103 yards rushing for the game. Bryant Hahnfeldt kicked a 44-yard field goal to complete the scoring for MBA. The Big Red defense suffocated LaVergne, shutting them out, and forcing three fumbles, recovering all three of them. It was good to see a large crowd of MBA students and parents who made the travel to LaVergne to watch the game. And, although this game was exciting, it was no match for what occurred the Saturday before when the Trinity Shamrocks came to Nashville.

On August 23, the MBA football team met the Trinity High School Shamrocks in arguably the biggest game in school history. The team from Louisville, KY held a 24-game win streak after going 15-0 last season en route to their 14th state championship and returned nine starters from last year's team, including quarterback Brian Brohm, widely considered one of the top prep quarterbacks in the country. Brohm threw for over 500 yards in last year's state championship game and held a 29-1 record as a starter coming into the game. He was pictured on the cover of *Sports Illustrated* last year.

Needless to say, the MBA defense had a tough task to face. Led by senior Matthew Jacques, they had to find a way to stop Brohm and his incredible offense. The Big Red defense hoped to put pressure on Brohm and force him to make decisions before he was ready, getting him out of his

Sports Southeast. ESPN even had a correspondent at the game. The fans were not disappointed, as they ended up seeing a great game.

MBA got off to an amazing start, forcing Trinity to punt on its first possession and putting pressure on Brohm immediately.

line. Moments later, Fisher connected with Scott Pettus on a 21-yard touchdown pass to the corner of the end zone.

Up until that point in the game, the MBA defense was doing just what it needed, holding Trinity to just 41 yards of net offense in its first five series of the game. MBA's third score, however, seemed to wake up Brohm and the Trinity offense as he drove Trinity down the field to a touchdown, combining a 63-yard pass and a few short runs to get into the end zone with 5:10 left in the first half, cutting the score to 17-7.

Coming out of the locker room, Trinity seemed to show a sense of urgency, their offense finally beginning to move. MBA stumbled, unable to put up any more points despite moving the ball fairly well. They did not reach the end zone, and had two short field goals blocked. Despite the offensive struggles, the MBA defense bent but didn't break, keeping Trinity out of the end zone until 1:09 left in the game when Brohm connected for another touchdown. Trinity missed the extra point, however, making the score 17-13. Brian Harris recovered the ensuing onside kick, effectively ending the game.

Coming into the game, all the focus was on Brohm, but the real star of the game was MBA quarterback Michael Fisher. Fisher outplayed Brohm in just about every way. Fisher was 16-of-29 passing for 252 yards, two touchdowns and only one interception. Brohm, on the other hand, was 33-of-52 for 411 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions. Brohm only threw one interception all of last season. Brohm seemed

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MBA football players in practice last week (See Jay Pilkerton's article below)

rhythm. On the other side of the ball, the Big Red planned to get ahead and then try to control the clock, keeping the ball out of Brohm's hands.

Over 6,500 people showed up to see what would be a very memorable night. Four extra concession stands were set up and around 2,000 extra seats were added. The game was broadcast on TV on Comcast

After a penalty on its first offensive play, the Red capped off a 75-yard drive with a field goal by Bryant Hahnfeldt. On MBA's second offensive series, Michael Fisher connected with streaking Brad French for an 83-yard touchdown pass to put MBA up 10-0 in the first quarter. Early in the second quarter, Matthew Jacques returned a punt 66 yards to put MBA on the Trinity 19-yard

Players Prepare For The Challenge

by Jay Pilkerton
Fullback, MBA Football Team

June 20th - It is about a month into the summer, and we are already well into workouts. The whole team has been working out for the past three weeks, continually being pushed by Coaches Redmond and Sutton. I am in the weight room by eight o'clock every morning, work out until nine-thirty, and then run with the team. Some people run in the afternoon instead of the morning, but not many.

June 23rd - It is finally dead period. This is the one time all year, other than Christmas day, that I do not have to go to MBA. Even though we can't go to MBA or talk to the coaches, the team still meets to run at Harpeth Hall. On the first Monday we are running with no shirts on when a few women approach us and tell us that we must put our shirts back on if we want to be on their

track. We put our shirts back on, but seriously, come on! It was 95° outside. It could have been worse, however, for we could have been practicing in full pads.

July 7th - Tired is all I have to say. Today was the first day back from the dead period, and Coach Redmond told us he was going to shock our bodies. Trust me, he did! We lifted for about an hour and a half and then ran thirty sprints. After those sprints, it was good news that only three guys threw up.

July 23rd - Wow! Today we made the run to Vanderbilt. It was a little longer than four miles, but not that bad. This whole week is test week. I thought it was funny to pass Clay Haury and Tom Santi during the run because they are able to bench press and power clean 300 lbs but can't last four miles.

July 29th - Today is the second day of two-a-days, and everyone is incredibly sore.

When I woke up this morning, I was unable to move my head because my neck was so sore. It is hard to do much in the time between practices or after the second one, so most people just got home and sleep, which is what I am going to do right now.

August 12th - The beginning of the season is getting closer. We have had a few scrimmages and have played really well. We beat Riverdale 27-0, beat Goodpasture 21-0, and beat Ezell Harding 35-7. Although we beat those teams pretty badly, we still have to get a lot better in order to beat Trinity.

August 20th - It is now prep week for the Trinity game, and, unfortunately, we have not been having very good practices. It is kind of ironic because the few bad practices we have had are right before we play the #4 team in the country. However, I know we will show Trinity what Big Red football is all about.

Big Red Football's Next Seven Dates

September 5	@ Southaven, MS
September 12	@ BGA
September 19	@ Baylor
September 26	vs. Ryan
October 3	vs. McCallie
October 10	@ Christian Brothers
October 24	vs. MUS

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Thursday, Sept. 4, 2003

All High School Clubs & Activities Will Be Seeking New Members and Interested Students

Trinity Victory

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rattled for most of the first half, as MBA's defense continually got pressure on him and forced him out of the pocket. He was sacked three times and always seemed to have a defender in his face. Fisher, thanks to the efforts on MBA's offensive line, had time to throw for most of the game and, when pressured, looked calm and composed.

Other than Fisher, Matthew Jacques may have been MBA's most valuable player. Jacques was the top cornerback and leader of the defense that had to stop one of the nation's most potent offenses, and he rose to the challenge. He may have had the pivotal play of the game when he wrestled the ball away from a Trinity receiver and ran back the interception 75 yards, stopping the Trinity drive in its tracks. On top of that, he returned a punt 66 yards to set up MBA's second touchdown, and added one catch on offense for a 12-yard gain. Brad French had a good game, recording 6 receptions for 135 yards and a touchdown. Ryan Burns, starting his first game at tailback, put in a solid effort with 10 rushes for 83 yards.

Cross Country Up and Running

by Brock Baker
MBA Cross Country Team

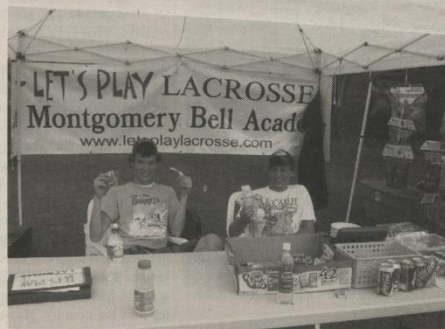
The MBA cross country team began the season this year in the sweltering heat of early June, running many long, tough miles through the wilds of Percy and Edwin Warner Parks. Keeping in mind King Pruitt's motto that "Every step is a drop in the well of fitness," we have braved such dangers as snakes, irate horse riders, crazy cyclists, and Coach DeYoung, who has been known to accidentally lead team members on thirteen mile jaunts through the park. Despite all of this the team has endured, and united by the rigors of two-a-days at camp at Sewanee, we now stand healthy and poised, ready to strike fear into the hearts of our opponents.

This year the Big Red hopes to emulate last year's fleet-footed varsity team that won Division, Metro, and Region titles and at the state meet posted the fastest top seven times in the history of MBA. Having lost to graduation four of those top seven varsity spots, however, the Big Red returns a very young but talented team of forty-four runners, of whom only one is a senior, our much beloved Phil Bracikowski. Returning from last year's varsity squad are juniors Will Smith and Brock Baker. The Big Red also boasts last year's top junior varsity runner in the state, junior Barkley Simmons (a.k.a. Barton Sanders), who donkey-tromped the competition on his way to individual JV championships at the Metro and Region meets. Looking to round out the varsity this year are sophomores David Reynolds and Bracey Wilson.

Last year the Big Red cross country team enjoyed the much-increased support of the administration and students, as the flanking maneuvers of the Big Red Army proved invaluable, inspiring the team to its outstanding finishes at Metro, Region and State. We look forward to the continued support of the Big Red Army and the school as we overwhelm the competition at the Metro meet on Oct 16, the Region meet on Oct 23, and the State meet Nov 1.



MBA Cross Country team members Paul Hendrick, Brock Baker, and James Hollis (L-R) make up for in determination what they lack in shirts



Scott Vaughn and Grant Thomas sold innocent bystanders the antidote to exercise here at Summer Lacrosse League

NEWS BRIEFS

Registration Reminds MBA of Honor Code

On August 25th and 26th the good old days of summer vacation sadly came to an end as hundreds of young men somberly flocked back to MBA for registration. Once the annual fees were paid, students were allowed to enter the building and enjoy registration. The usual speeches were made by various class leaders and things seemed to be running smoothly. However, things quickly took a turn towards the serious side. Students were soon bombarded with waves of speeches on honor and discipline. Apparently the theme of the school year will be honor. Unfortunately, ignorance is no longer an excuse for an honor council offense. That's right all you cheaters out there, the blissful days of claiming ignorance as your excuse are long gone. That being said, you should probably start thinking of new excuses. With the fear of God successfully instilled in the students, it was movie time. Several dramatic minutes later the lights came back on, signaling that group-discussion-time had arrived. After opinions had been shared it was time for the students to return home and finish their summer reading. After all, the first day of school was just a day away. — J. ZAGER

Annual Peaks Trip Explores Out West

This summer ten rising freshmen and I went out west with Mr. and Mrs. Russell and Mr. Sawyer. The ten others were Hayes Arnold, Matt Crook, Brendan Kiefer, Chase Altenbern, Matt McCord, Nick Berklaich, Alex Smith, Brian Hughes, Jeff Eberle and James Michael. We took two Ford Excursions and a trailer.

The places we went and things we did on the trip are as follows: the three huge tornadoes in the distance at Whites City, New Mexico, hiking and then a tour of parts of Carlsbad Caverns, White Sands in Alamogordo, New Mexico where you jump off two foot sand dunes into more sand, petrified forest, painted desert and seeing Meteor and Sunset Craters, sunset at Mather Point at Grand Canyon, paying for a shower at Mather Campground, 8 mile rim trail hike at Grand Canyon, Monument Valley, Four Corners, the train ride from Durango to Silverton, Colorado.

As we drove we all got bored and found things to do. The main thing we did to pass time was we started a road kill tally. We tallied up 207 on the fourteen day trip. The winning animal was armadillo, with 28 dead. However, we weren't bored often.

Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Russell and Mr. Sawyer we all had a great time. The trip is highly recommended. — G. SMITH

Students viewed the 1992 film *School Ties* at registration this year. For more information visit <http://us.imdb.com/title/tt0105327/>

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TRAVELS

Dinner at the Bertrams

by Max Douglas
News Editor

From July 17th through August 18th I was walking among the Lions and Hippos of South Africa. Jack Daniels was the only common knowledge of Tennessee I shared with these colonialists, but I managed to find some solace on a sugarcane farm just outside of Ballito. There I spent my first ten days getting to know the Bertrams, my host family, and learning the specifics of their culture. One thing I found interesting is that when you become close to an adult, as in my situation where I was living with the Bertrams for about two weeks, or if the adults were a good friend's parents, etc, it is pretty much standard and respectable to call them by their first name. Thus, I knew my host father as George and my host mother as Janie. Maybe this is why our beloved South African art teacher insists that we call her by her first name. Now having the chance to reflect back on my entire trip, one night in particular seems to sum up the family I got to know very well, and that was the night when we ate dinner with the Belgians.

I'll have to give you a little background on everyone sitting at the dinner table that night before you can even begin to understand the atmosphere. George's appearance reminds me of a Russian submarine captain. He has a short beard that is turning gray, very heavy build (big bones, or as he would like to say, "Healthy"), and he would constantly tell funny jokes or stories, ranging from his naughty childhood days to the time when he and some buddies drank a bar dry. You would rarely see George without a smile. Janie is a grown-up tom boy/country girl who runs her own indigenous nursery on the farm and loves her simple life. She is the boss of the household and keeps tabs on George to make sure he isn't too naughty. Arthur is their only child and is at MBA this September, so hopefully some of you guys will get to know him. Fi-

nally, the granny who had slightly lost her mind wrapped up the dinner table occupants aside from our two special guests.

Earlier that day, a new definition for Southern Comfort was created when George was eating lunch at a local restaurant, struck up a conversation with two strangers, liked them, and proceeded to invite them back to the farm for dinner and lodgings. These two Belgian tourists, who George found out were booked at the local inn (which was unacceptable in George's eyes), were very nice and fascinating people. Arthur was sitting by the male Belgian, and Arthur told me after dinner that the man had a stench about him. I was sitting by his wife, who was ok on the odor. Come to think of it, he did kind of have the grungy British look, but I never got close enough to investigate. Dinner did go smoothly however, but being the lone American among South Africans and Europeans, who hold a fork in their left hand and a knife in their right hand, I was the butt of a few table-manner jokes, although I did catch on fairly quickly. The Belgians were both very interested in cycling and proceeded to tell us of the bike-only roads in Belgium and how Belgium produces good cyclists and so on. I withheld my own naughty thoughts of asking them if they had heard of Lance Armstrong, and the conversation eventually changed subjects. George definitely dominated the table conversation though, as he did everywhere, except in the presence of his younger brother (who weighs about one hundred pounds more than him).

After dinner we all went to bed fairly soon afterwards, simply because they wouldn't stay up past ten o'clock unless there was a lunar eclipse. The food was normal, the bed was typical, but the people were genuine, and it was an experience that I won't ever forget.

SHOTS by Will Deloache, Photography Editor



Entrusted with impressionable young children's perception of the average MBA student, C.J. Hurt seems to have tamed these Sports Camp participants quite nicely

On Freeway or Foot,
Distance May Varyby Hunter Branstetter
Features Editor

At 7:00 a.m. every school day, Taylor Colbert and his carpooling sidekick Rush Brady are rolling onto campus after their ride from Lebanon; Paul Hendrick is rolling in from Bellevue on Highway 70; and Terrell McWhirter is rolling over in bed to turn off his alarm. Sadly, some MBA students do not have the options of those who live near school such as catching up on much-needed sleep lost to an obscene amount of homework the previous night or enjoying a leisurely breakfast with Channel Two's Neil

measures by polluting his car speakers with talk from "U-Turn Laverne" instead of his favorite tunes by AC/DC and Black Sabbath. "I know at least forty-bajillion ways to go to and from school," boasts Zellem, "I have those traffic radio stations preset on my car's AM radio, and those traffic signs [on the interstate indicating possible delays] are my life savers."

Speaking of life savers, many a high school driver partakes of caffeine on the way to school to insure that he does

not fall asleep at the wheel and is bright-eyed for his first classes of the day. The impact of living a long way from MBA is so far-reaching that many of MBA's distance drivers are even forced to settle for lesser-quality coffee. More common than McFall's choice of Mountain Dew is some sort of huge, foaming coffee drink nestled in a protective sleeve for one's drinking pleasure.



Can you spot the stranded MBA student? McFall and Hendrick spend their mornings in this urban jungle

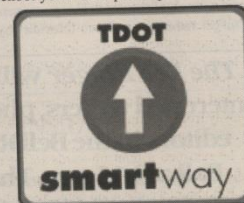
Orme. Indeed, as Shaun McFall, who drives in from Kingston Springs, puts it, "It's all I can do to chug a Mountain Dew, get in the car, and drive to school each morning." So you see, there is quite a discrepancy in the early morning routines of MBA's students.

Although most of us want to comply with MBA's suggestion that students "arrive each morning by 7:30 a.m. to 'get settled' and to seek help from teachers," executing this feat is more complicated for some than others. Those of us who drive short distances or dash on foot seem to have the easiest morning commutes. Students who live farther away and are driven to school by others must perfect the art of schedule negotiation, which can be difficult, since most MBA students are involved in a variety of activities. Once on the road, however, student riders can use their travel time as an opportunity to frantically finish homework, cram for a test, down a tasty breakfast, or even drift back to sleep. Living far from MBA has the greatest impact on the morning routine of students who drive themselves.

Those with limited driving experience may not realize that the time it takes to travel seventeen miles in morning traffic is highly dependent on when one begins this journey. For example, Paul Hendrick's drive to school takes twenty to thirty minutes if Paul leaves at 6:50 a.m., but if he departs a mere ten minutes later, it becomes an agonizing forty-five minute haul. In addition, students who travel great distances encounter many more companion commuters and must allow for the possibility that some of these folks will have car trouble or be involved in accidents. This ever-present possibility of traffic jams causes students such as Rob Zellem to take drastic

Green Hills or Belle Meade can easily slip off to a Starbucks on their way to school. Alas, some of us traveling from much more remote locations must settle for the self-dispensed java at a convenience store, usually grabbed while pumping gas into our cars' oft-depleted fuel tanks. Clearly, living far from MBA impacts high school drivers in a variety of ways.

I do not mean to imply that McWhirter is a sloth for merely awakening when Colbert and Brady have been up and moving for over an hour and a half, nor is my intent to make students who travel great distances to reach MBA appear more noble than their conveniently located peers. It is enlightening simply to recognize that each day MBA students travel from Hendersonville, Kingston Springs, Hermitage, Franklin, White Bluff, Smyrna, Mount Juliet, Lebanon, Brentwood, Pegram, Antioch, and Goodlettsville and that these students often suffer much trauma to get to school. Most significant is that each student I interviewed whole-heartedly agreed that that it is well worth driving such distances to attend MBA. These are inspiring sentiments as we begin another school year. Now please pass the coffee.



The Transportation Department's electronic signs are Zellem's "life saver"

MOVIES

A Summer Film Revue

by Taylor Gould
Staff Writer

2Fast2Furious: The long awaited sequel to last summer's hit *The Fast and the Furious* was exactly what everyone and his brother (br-AH) knew it would be: some cool driving scenes and some of the worst acting in the history of time. One of those movies that is so terrible, but so good all at once.

Rating: 7/10

American Pie 3: American Wedding: In the third installment of the greatest comedy movie series of all time, Jim finally gets the



Tobey Maguire rides *Seabiscuit* into the annals of classic film, says Gould

real pie and marries Michelle. Stifler battles with Finch for one of the hot bridesmaids, Cadence, and in the end loses due to his lack of a more serious personality.

Rating: 9/10

Bad Boys II: I did not actually see this movie, but I felt like it needed to be reviewed since it was one of the biggest movies of the summer, so I asked Bransford Maxwell for his thoughts. I quote the Bad Boy himself, "It was fairly incredible."

Rating: Bransford/10

Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle: The Angels are gain' FULL THROTTLE BABY. The worst movie I have ever seen.

Rating: -0/1000

The Italian Job: My favorite movie of the summer. One of the coolest things about this movie was that computers were not used to create the special effects; keep this in mind when you watch the movie. In this remake of the 1969 film, a gang of criminals pulls off one of the biggest gold heists ever, only to have one man (Edward Norton) turn on the group escape with all of the gold. The group sets out to get revenge on Steve (Norton) by

stealing his safe and escaping in Mini Coopers.

Rating: 10/10

The Matrix Reloaded: The most anticipated sequel of the summer disappointed no one with its revolutionary special effects and complex story line. You really have to see the movie to even begin to understand what happens, but to make a confusing story even more confusing: The machines have discovered the last human city, Zion, and send the Squiddies to destroy it. Neo must beat them there before the final battle between the machines and the only remaining unplugged humans, the citizens of Zion. I probably do not have it right so just go see the movie.

Rating: 10/10

Seabiscuit: I cannot remember how I got dragged into this movie, but I do remember how much it surprised me. A tiny horse from California gets a second chance after failing to live up to his potential and finds the right jockey for his laid-back style in Red Pollard (Tobey Maguire). *Seabiscuit* was undoubtedly the most complete movie of the summer. Great acting and a great story come together in this soon-to-be classic.

Rating: 9/10

Wrong Turn: I am not sure how many people saw this movie since it was only in theaters for a short time, but if you like scary movies *Wrong Turn* deserves a rental. It is not so much jump-out-of-seat scary as it is just weird and twisted. Five tourists run into a barbed-wire trap on an abandoned country road set by a group of cannibals in West Virginia. Maybe the most satisfying thing about this movie is that it ends when it should end, the story is not overextended or developed unnecessarily; it is what it is, a good scary movie.

Rating: 8/10



X2: X-Men United: An action/special effects packed sequel to the first edition from last summer. Much like the Matrix, the action scenes left you

uttering "dude." Magneto escapes from his cell and finds his way to the Cerebro where he has the ability to destroy all mutants. Will he? (no).

The Bell Ringer will hold a meeting of all interested writers, photographers, and layout editors in the Bell Ringer offices beneath Ball at 3:15 p.m. Thursday, September 4
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MUSIC

Well Worth The Wait

by Rob Beasley
Staff Writer

Zeppelin fans, rejoice! Finally, a live album has been released truly worthy of one of the greatest bands ever to have lived. This 3-disc set contains performances from 2 concerts in Los Angeles on the 25th and 27th of June, 1972, at the peak of their career, riding on the huge success of *Zoso* (a.k.a. *Led Zeppelin IV*) and with *Houses of the Holy* just around the corner. Jimmy Page rediscovered the recordings while searching the archives for material for the recently released *Led Zeppelin DVD*.

Now to the music: every single song on this album is absolutely fantastic, and at least half are actually better than their studio counterparts. "Black Dog," for example, begins with the riff from "Out On The Tiles," and it's almost as if they were planning on doing that song and then Plant changes his mind and jumps in with "Hey hey, mama, said the way you move..." and the rest just go with it. It ends up being faster and sounds unbelievably better. In fact, the ones that sound better than their studio counterparts are the ones that are more conducive to improvisation, like "Heartbreaker" and "Dazed And Confused." Which reminds me: you may be wondering why Disc 2 only has 4 songs. The primary reason is "Dazed And Confused" is 25 minutes long. Yes! Not surprisingly, it's probably the best song on the entire album. It includes several guitar solos, Plant's signature orgasmic yelps and moans as well as his guitar sing-alongs, a kickin' drum solo, and even two other songs: "Walter's Walk" and an early version of "The Crunge" from *Houses of the Holy*. "Whole Lotta Love," at 23 minutes, has even more internal songs, which include covers of "Boogie Chillun," "Let's Have A Party," "Hello Marylou (goodbye heart)," and "Going Down Slow." Other highlights include a rendition of "Heartbreaker" in which Jimmy Page's guitar solo is insanely out of control, a longer, better version of "Immigrant Song," another great guitar solo on "Since I've Been Loving You," "Bron-Yr-Aur Stomp (hallelujah!)" with the crowd clapping along, and "Moby Dick." John Bonham's drumming masterpiece from *Led Zeppelin II*, at 19 minutes long. I repeat, a 19-MINUTE DRUM SOLO! Now that's what I call a big

How the West Was Won
Led Zeppelin
Atlantic Records 2003

Disc 1:

LA Drone (intro)
Immigrant Song
Heartbreaker
Black Dog
Over The Hills And Far Away
Since I've Been Loving You
Stairway To Heaven
Going To California
That's The Way
Bron-Yr-Aur Stomp

Disc 2:

Dazed And Confused
What Is And What Should Never Be
Dancing Days
Moby Dick

Disc 3:

Whole Lotta Love
Rock And Roll
The Ocean
Bring It On Home



The cover of Led's latest live LP

and long "Moby Dick." This live set is one of the best ever, right up there with Kiss' *Alive!* In fact, the only bad aspect of the set is that the more delicate, structured songs such as "Stairway to Heaven" don't hold up as well live as a result of improvisation. Still, if you have any taste in music whatsoever, *How the West Was One* is a must-have.

SHOT OF THE ISSUE by Will DeLoache Photography Editor



Matthew Christie and a bottle of suntan oil pose for *The Bell Ringer's* camera at Sequoia this summer